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DE POLICE JUDICIAIRE

3ème Section  
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*Le 21 Janvier 1954*  
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Monsieur Charles SIRAGUSA  
Ambassade des Etats-Unis  
Via Vittorio Veneto 62  
R O M E (Italie)  
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Cher Monsieur,

Je me rapporte au rapport en date du 12 Janvier 1954 de l'Agent LENDRIHAS au sujet d'un certain Jacques STERN, que vos services espèrent s'attacher comme informateur dans l'affaire du Prince PAHLEVI.

Il y a effectivement eu en France un STERN prénommé Jacques qui a été Ministre des Colonies, puis Ministre de la Marine Marchande dans certains gouvernements de la 3ème République. Il a émigré aux Etats-Unis au début de l'occupation allemande.

Une dépêche de l'UNITED PRESS en date du 21 Décembre 1949 annonçait qu'il s'était donné la mort à NEW-YORK en se jetant par la fenêtre de son appartement au 9ème étage d'un immeuble de la 81ème Rue.

Sincèrement vôtre.

*cc: Bureau  
Ant. A.  
Dist Ag*



Michel HUGUES  
Commissaire de Police

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Rome, Italy  
February 9, 1954

In re: Armen NECESSIAN  
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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
General Direction  
Surete Nationale  
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Direction des Services de  
Police Judiciaire  
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Paris, February 4, 1954

3rd Section

Mr. Charles Siragusa  
American Embassy  
Rome, Italy

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Agent Lendrihas' memorandum dated January 12, 1954 concerning one Jacques STERN, whom your services hope to be able to use as a source in connection with the Prince PAHLEVI matter.

There has been in effect one STERN named Jacques <sup>in France</sup> who was Minister of the Colonies and subsequently Minister of the Merchant Marine during certain governments of the third Republic. He ~~has~~ emigrated to the United States at the beginning of the German occupation.

A United Press telegram dated December 21, 1949, announced that he had committed suicide in New York, by jumping out of the window of his apartment on the 9th floor of a building located on 81st Street.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michel Hugues  
Commissaire de Police

cc: Bureau  
District #2  
District #8

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5575  
Paris, France  
February 22, 1954

In re: Iran

*A. Hershman*  
Mr. E. J. Anselinger  
Commissioner of Narcotics  
Bureau of Narcotics  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

During the winter of 1951 source TODOROVITCH was introduced by one Louis, a Parisian, to an Iranian Prince who was living in Paris at that time.

This Prince owns large opium farms in Tehran. During his residence in Paris he became acquainted with Corsican gangsters, one of whom was this Louis. Louis told him of the heroin factories in France, production of which was going to the United States. Louis suggested to this Iranian Prince that a factory be set up in Tehran to manufacture morphine base and/or heroin for smuggling to France. Louis further suggested that TODOROVITCH go to Tehran and become the chemist.

Accordingly, this meeting was arranged among Louis, TODOROVITCH and the Iranian Prince. Shortly thereafter Louis was arrested in Paris in connection with a big swindle. He sold someone some plain water saying it was radium water (?). TODOROVITCH did not have the Prince's name and address in Paris and consequently lost touch with him.

I believe that this Iranian Prince was Prince FARLEVI, whose name and address was found on Arsen KHACHSIAN, at all when they were arrested about a year ago in Paris. This was the undercover case developed by Narcotic Agent Paul E. Knight which resulted in the seizure of a heroin laboratory.

It is noted that the KHACHSIAN affair was the first instance known to us of Iranians setting up heroin laboratories. I foresee the probability of other Iranians going into this business, in France and/or Tehran or at least producing morphine base in Tehran. Certainly there is enough surplus opium production in Iran to make that country just as bothersome to us as Turkey has been since the end of the last war, from the point of view of using opium for morphine base production.

Today I furnished the above information orally to Commissaire Baillet. He checked his files and identified Louis as Louis CARLIOTCHI who was arrested by the Confidence Squad of the Sûreté Nationale at Paris for the swindle, as described by me above. The French police

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will now examine the dossier on that affair to possibly identify the Iranian Prince. CARLIGCHI is an intimate associate of the notorious Joe KENYON, Corsican gangster living in Tangier.

Very truly yours

Charles Siragusa  
Narcotic Agent

cc: District #2



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MEMORANDUM REPORT  
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS  
DISTRICT NO. 2

MAR 5 1954

CASE FILE NO. SE No. GEN. FILE TITLE: JACQUES LOUP STERN

## REPORT MADE

AT: New York, New York  
DATE: February 24, 1954

## RELATED FILES

## OTHER OFFICERS

Narcotic Agent  
John T. CusackBY: J. E. Fitzpatrick  
Narcotic Agent

## SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM

General File Investigation of Jacques  
Loup STERN:

## RECOMMENDATION

PENDING:

CLOSE:

FURTHER INVESTIGATION: X

DETAILS (if report is over two pages in length summarize in first paragraph)

1. On January 29, 1954 District No. 2 received a letter complaint forwarded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of New York City regarding one Jacques STERN. This letter was written on the stationery of the Hotel Majestic, Cannes, France dated January 21, 1954 and postmarked Cannes. This letter was signed by one John W. ABBOT. Contents of the letter are as follows:

"I have reason to think that a certain Frenchman, Jacques STERN, resident in New York (I think Park Avenue) is peddling dope. I have no grounds except that he makes frequent trips to Mexico and Cuba, and is an intimate friend of all night club waiters and head waiters. In fact, I think he is in Mexico now. Please give your information to Lawrence Schen whom I know and whom I suppose is still in your employ."

2. Because of the allegation that STERN made trips to France, Cuba and Mexico; this investigation was assigned to the Special Squad for investigation into STERN's possible connection with the Roger COUDERT investigation and his associates in France and Mexico.

3. It was determined that the Jacques STERN in this letter was identical to the Jacques Loup STERN, 322 East 57th Street, New York, New York, named in a report dated December 18, 1953 to Mr. H. J. Anslinger, U. S. Commissioner of Narcotics, from Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This report stated that one Emily Janeway MARSHALL, the wife of Jacques STERN, went to Las Vegas, Nevada in October 1953 to take up residence in order to obtain a divorce from STERN. While in Nevada she met one Henry Neal JOHNSON, obviously a pimp and hoodlum. After her divorce JOHNSON drove her to New York City, where he met Jacques STERN.

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(NARCOTIC AGENT OR INSPECTOR)

APPROVED:

(DISTRICT SUPERVISOR)

James C. Ryan

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also Michael WATERFIELD



4. STERN alleged that Johnson took him to a Veterans Club in Harlem, New York City (this may be the after-hours' club operated by Al MARTIN, a notorious narcotic violator, which operates under a Veterans Club charter) where he introduced him to Heroin, Marihuana and amyl nitrite. STERN alleged that from December 6 to December 10, 1953, he believes he was under the influence of these drugs. Prior to this, he alleged he never used any narcotics. According to STERN, JOHNSON told him while in Las Vegas his former wife, Emily, had become addicted to narcotics and incurred a debt amounting to \$400. STERN paid JOHNSON this amount. A few days later JOHNSON claimed that Emily Janeway MARSHALL incurred additional debts for narcotics amounting to \$1800. STERN refused to pay this. JOHNSON told STERN that he had obtained \$800 from Emily's parents and STERN would have to pay the additional \$1000. STERN refused to pay this and as he felt this was an extortion through his lawyer Mr. Leon Finley, 521 - 5th Avenue, New York City, reported the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

5. In January 1954, Narcotic Agent George Lendrihas interviewed Jacques STERN at the offices of Mr. Leon Finley and elicited from STERN a story much the same as had been reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Agent Lendrihas determined that Jacques STERN was the son of Jacques Loup STERN, a former Minister of Finance of France. The elder STERN committed suicide in New York City in 1949. The STERN family is one of the most wealthy families in Europe, with extensive investments in the United States and Europe. It was determined by Agent Lendrihas that Jacques STERN was acquainted with many people in Cafe Society, who could be called "smart money", who are either involved in the underworld or acquainted with the higher echelon of the New York underworld through their patronage of the Golden Key Club in New York City owned by Vincent MURIO. Agent Lendrihas contemplated the possibility of using Jacques STERN to introduce an undercover agent to some of his friends acquainted with underworld figures. This was not done at the time of the interview because STERN was leaving for Mexico.

6. It was necessary to interview Jacques STERN again to definitely determine if he was the Jacques STERN mentioned in the letter complaint from Cannes, France. It was determined that Jacques STERN resides at 322 East 57th Street, New York, New York with his mother, the Countess Mathilde Simone de LEUSSE, telephone MU 8 6619.

7. On February 19, 1954 Agent Cusack telephoned Jacques STERN at his residence and arranged to meet him at his lawyer's office at 4:00 P.M. that afternoon. At 4:00 P.M. that same date, Jacques STERN was interviewed at the office of Finley and Lillienthal, his



lawyers. Mr. Leon Finley, his personal adviser, was away in Florida and the interview was held with STERN and Mr. Abraham Lillienthal.

8. Without divulging the name of John W. ABBOT, the source of information from Cannes, it was determined that Jacques STERN was undoubtedly the person reported by ABBOT. During the winter of 1952-1953, STERN resided on the Riviera with his wife. He spent considerable time at Cap Antibes where he rented a Villa, and at Cannes and Monte Carlo where he visited friends. He made frequent trips to the Hotel Majestic, Sur La Croisette, Cannes, France to see one Center HITCHCOCK, who resided there. The latter is the son of Tommy HITCHCOCK, the late famous American polo player and socialite. It appeared obvious that Jacques STERN at some time during his visits to this Hotel incurred the dislike of John W. ABBOT.

9. STERN's list of acquaintances in New York and the Riviera reads like a Who's Who of American Cafe Society and European Royalty, sprinkled with a cross-section of the International underworld. STERN denied to the officers that he had ever used narcotics of any kind, yet he alleged to the FBI Agents that Henry Neal JOHNSON induced him to use drugs. Jacques STERN impressed the reporting officers as an opium smoker. He has a very sallow complexion; heavy black circles under his eyes. It seems quite likely he has used Marijuana and may still be smoking opium or using Heroin.

10. STERN frankly told the officers that he had known Prince Dado RUSPOLI and Gian ANIELLI, director of Fiat since his childhood and like everyone else on the Riviera, he considers both of them "junks". (It is noted that he used the word "junk".)

11. STERN alleges that he knows most of the international adventurers, smugglers and confidence men that infest the Riviera. He stated that one Kim Kaybourne WATERFIELD, an English subject with a notorious reputation on the Riviera, may have been the person writing the complaint about him. He alleged that this WATERFIELD wanted to marry Barbara WARNER, the daughter of Jack WARNER, the movie studio owner, at a time when STERN was engaged to the girl. STERN alleged that WATERFIELD knew that STERN had informed against him to the French Police as having been implicated in the Warner jewel robbery on the Riviera last year. It is noted that during the Fall of 1953 Kim WATERFIELD was reported in gossip columns in New York as the escort of Barbara WARNER in this city.

12. Jacques STERN was born June 6, 1932 at Paris, France, the son of the late Jacques Leon STERN and the Countess Mathilde Simone de LOUSSE.



He is five feet ten inches tall, weighs about one hundred thirty-four pounds, is fair complexioned (his complexion now appears sallow, possibly caused by opium addiction); brown hair; blue eyes. He is a French citizen and was admitted to the United States aboard the SS Excambion on September 13, 1940 for permanent residence. He attended Harvard University for 3 1/2 years, and intends to return to obtain a degree. He is a victim of poliomyelitis, wears metal braces on his left leg and carries a cane-type crutch. He stated he had only been to Cuba once; that was in December 1953. He also stated he had never been to Mexico until January 1954 at which time he went to Acapulco. He had come to New York last week on some business and was to return to Acapulco on January 20th, to complete the Winter Season. He stated he intends to travel to France this Spring.

13. Although it is hardly likely that Jacques STERN would be engaged in the narcotic traffic on an international scale, he may well be so engaged, as was his friend Dado RUSPOLI. STERN may be engaged in the narcotic traffic for either pure adventure, to gain some sort of prestige with the Riviera characters, or merely to satisfy his own narcotic needs.

14. STERN indicated a willingness to cooperate with the authorities and stated he would be willing to introduce a narcotic agent to anyone he knew. He could also prove very valuable in identifying suspects both in the United States and Europe and possibly Mexico. His lawyer, Mr. Lillienthal suggested that the agents have a talk with Mr. Leon Finley who is more familiar with Jacques STERN. He stated that he believes Mr. Finley would be happy to have STERN cooperate with the agents. STERN's assistance was not elicited at this time because he was returning to Mexico the following day. He stated he knows nothing of Mexico City, only Acapulco. He has not met any suspects there to date.

15. It may be worthwhile, at his convenience, for Agent Siragusa or one of his staff to interview John W. ABBOT at the Hotel Majestic, Sur La Croisette, Cannes, France. ABBOT may be able to provide additional information relative to STERN and other narcotic suspects.

16. STERN believes that Henry Neal JOHNSON is living with Emily Janeway MARSHALL, STERN's former wife, in an apartment on Chauncy Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He thinks he may now be in the Miami area for the Hialeah Racing Season. According to the memorandum report submitted by Narcotic Agent J. H. Murgannon at Las Vegas

GF: Jacques Leon STERN

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Nevada on January 15, 1954 JOHNSON is a probation violator from the State of California, but it is known that California does not extradite probationers. It is requested that District #1 take no action at this time regarding Henry Neal JOHNSON as STERN may introduce an undercover Narcotic Agent to this subject.

17. Attached to the copies of this report for District #1, #14 and Agent Siragusa is a photograph of Jacques Loup STERN.



**MEMORANDUM REPORT  
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS  
DISTRICT NO. 2**

CASE FILE No.	SE No.	GEN. FILE TITLE: <b>Jacques Loup Stern</b>
REPORT MADE AT: <b>New York, New York</b> DATE: <b>April 22, 1954</b>  BY: <b>J. E. Fitzpatrick</b> <b>Narcotic Agent</b>	RELATED FILES	OTHER OFFICERS  <b>Narcotic Agent</b> <b>John T. Cusack</b>
SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM <b>Interview of Jacques Loup Stern on</b> <b>April 19, 1954:</b>		RECOMMENDATION PENDING: CLOSE: FURTHER INVESTIGATION: <b>X</b>

DETAILS (if report is over two pages in length summarize in first paragraph)

1. Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to Jacques Loup Stern: On April 19, 1954 at 4:30 P.M. the above-mentioned person was interviewed by narcotic agents Cusack and Fitzpatrick at the Polo Room of the Hotel Westbury.
2. Stern had just returned from a winter vacation in Mexico and was leaving for France on April 24, 1954. He intends to remain in Paris a short time, make a trip to Italy and spend the late summer on the French Riviera before returning to New York in the Fall.
3. Stern has promised to communicate with the reporting officers and provide whatever information he might uncover relative to the illicit narcotic traffic in Europe. Upon his return to New York City in the Fall of this year, he has agreed to try to introduce an undercover narcotic agent to Anthony Strolle and Vincent Murie at the Golden Key Club in New York City.

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SIGNATURES

*James E. Fitzpatrick, Jr.*  
(NARCOTIC AGENT OR INSPECTOR)

APPROVED: *James E. Fitzpatrick, Jr.*  
(DISTRICT SUPERVISOR)

**James C. Ryan**



6298

American Embassy

Rome, Italy  
June 30, 1954

In re: Armen MERCESSIAN, et al  
(Letters 3662, 3646, etc.)

Mr. A.E. Bailleul  
Commissaire Principal  
Direction des Services de  
Police Judiciaire  
Paris, France

Dear Monsieur Bailleul:

I have seen an Associated Press dispatch alleging that Ingeborg GRIFFEL was sentenced on June 24th to six months imprisonment.

I shall appreciate confirmation of this and what the status is with regard to the other defendants in this case, for the completion of my files.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Siragusa  
District Supervisor  
U.S. Bureau of Narcotics

cc: Bureau  
District #2

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Rome, Italy  
July 15, 1954

In re: Armen NERCESSIAN, et al  
(Letter #6298)

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

General Direction  
Burete Nationale

Judiciary Police Services Direction

Paris, July 9, 1954

Mr. Charles Siragusa  
American Embassy  
Via Vittorio Veneto 62  
Rome, Italy

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of June 30, 1954  
I confirm that the following sentences were given by the 16th Chamber  
of the Seine Correctional Tribunal in Paris on June 24, 1954, in the  
NERCESSIAN, et al case:

Ingebord GRIFELL, born on July 8, 1921 at Hamburg, Germany - 6 months  
jail.

Armen NERCESSIAN, born on December 8, 1904 at Pahlavi, Iran - 8 months  
jail.

Nassorah DJALAI, born on October 19, 1913 at Ispahan, Iran - 2 years  
jail in absentia. This defendant, who was on personal recognizance,  
did not appear at the trial and was convicted in absentia. He is  
considered as a fugitive.

Very truly yours,

/s/ A.E. Bailleul  
Commissaire Principal

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cc: Bureau  
District #2



*type* - ~~ARMEN~~  
MINISTÈRE  
DE L'INTÉRIEUR

DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE  
DE LA SURETÉ NATIONALE

DIRECTION DES SERVICES  
DE POLICE JUDICIAIRE

IN RE ARMEN NERCESSIAN,  
*(lettre #)* ET AL  
RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

PARIS, LE 9 Juillet

19 1954

Monsieur Charles SIRAGUSA  
Ambassade des U.S.A.  
Via Vittorio Veneto 62  
R O M E -(Italie)-

Aff. NERCESSIAN et autres

Cher Monsieur,

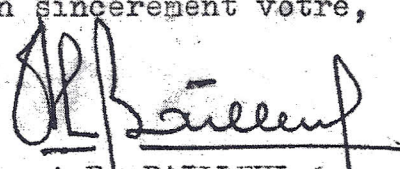
Comme suite a votre lettre en date du 30 Juin 1954  
je vous confirme que le peines suivantes ont été appliquées  
par la 16<sup>ème</sup> Chambre du Tribunal Correctionnel de la Seine  
à PARIS, le 24 Juin dernier, en l'affaire NERCESSIAN et tous  
autres:

GRIFELL, Ingebord, née le 8 Juillet 1921 à HAMBOURG (Allemagne)  
6 mois de prison

NERCESSIAN, Armen, né le 8 Décembre 1904 à PAHLAVI (Iran) 8 mois  
de prison

DJALAI, Nassorah, né le 19 octobre 1913 à ISPAHAN (Iran) 2 ans  
de prison par dé faut - Cet inculpé, en liberté provisoire ne  
s'est pas présenté à l'audience et a été condamné par défaut.  
Il est considéré comme en fuite.

Bien sincèrement votre,

  
A.E. BAILLEUL  
Commissaire Principal

cc: Bureau  
Int. #2